A DECLARATION Of the Lords and Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT,

For the Raising of all Power and Force, as well Trayned-Bands as others, in severall Counties of this Kingdom, to lead against all Traytors, and their Adherents, and them to Arrest and Imprison, and to fight with, kill and slay all such as shall oppose any of His Majesties loving Subjects that shall be imployed in this Service, by either or both Houses of PARLIAMENT.

Ordered that this Declaration be forthwith printed:
Hen. Elsinge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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A Declaration of both Houſes of PARLIAMENT.

WHereas certain Information is given from ſeverall parts of the Kingdom, That divers Troops of Horſe are employed in ſundry Counties of the Kingdom; and that others have Commiſſion to raiſe both Horſe and Foot, to compell His Majeſties Subjects to ſubmit to the illegall Commiſsion of Array, out of a Traiterous intent to ſubvert the Libertie of the ſubject, and the Law of the Kingdome; and for the better ſtrengthning themſelves in this wicked attempt, Do joyn with the Popiſh and Jeſuiticall faction, to put the Kingdom into a

combuſtion and Civill-warre, by levying forces againſt the Parliament; and by thoſe Forces to alter the Religion, and the ancient Government and lawfull liberty of the Kingdome, and to introduce Popery and Idolatry, together with an Arbitrary forme of Government. And in purſuance thereof, have Traiterouſly and Rebelliouſly levied war againſt the King, and by force robbed, ſpoiled, and ſlaine divers of His Majeſties good Subjects, travelling about their lawfull and neceſſary occaſions in the Kings protection according to Law; and namely that for the end and purpoſe aforeſaid, The Earl of *Northampton*, the Lord *Dunſmore*, Lord *Willoughby* of *Eriſby*, ſon to the Earl of *Lindſey*, *Henry Haſtings*, Eſq; and divers other unknown perſons in the Counties of *Lincolne*, *Leiceſter*, *Nottingham*, *Warwick*, *Oxfordſhire*, and other places; and the Marqueſſe of *Hertford*, the Lord *Pawlet*, Lord *Seymore*, Sir *John Stawell*, Sir *Ralph Hopton*, *John Digby*, Eſq; and other their accomplices, have gotten together great Force in the Countie of *Somerſet*.

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The Lords and Commons duely conſidering the great dangers which may enſue upon ſuch their wicked and Traiterous deſignes, and if by this means the power of the Sword ſhould come into the hands of Papiſts and their adherents, nothing can be expected, but the miſerable ruine and deſolation of the Kingdome, and the bloody Maſſacre of the Proteſtants.

They do declare and Ordain, That it is and ſhall be lawfull for all His Majeſties loving ſubjects, by force of Arms, to reſiſt the ſaid ſeverall parties and their accomplices, and all other that ſhall raiſe or conduct any other Forces for the ends aforeſaid. And that the Earl of *Eſſex*, Lord Generall, with all his Forces raiſed by the authority of Parliament; As like wiſe the Lord *Say*, Lievtenant of *Oxfordſhire*, Earl of *Peterborough* Lievtenant of *Northamptonſhire*, Lord *Wharton* Lievtenant of *Buckinghamſhire*, Earl of *Stamford* Lievenant of *Leiceſterſhire*, Earl of *Pembroke* Lievtenant of *Wiltsſhire* and *Hampſhire*, Earl of *Bedford* Lievtenant of *Somerſetſhire* and *Devon*, Lord

Lord *Brook* Lievtenant of *Warwickſhire*, the Lord *Cranborn* Lievtenant of *Dorſetſhire*, the Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham* Lievtenant of *Lincolnſhire*, and their Deputy-Lievtenants reſpectively, and all thoſe who are, or ſhall be appointed by Ordinance of both Houſes, to perform the place of Deputie-Lievtenants; *Denzill Hollis* Eſquire, Lievtenant of the Citie and Countie of *Briſtoll*, and the Maiors and Sheriffs of the Citie, and Deputy-Lievtenants there, and all other Lievtenants of Counties, Sheriffs, Maiors, Deputy-Lievtenants ſhall raiſe all the Power and Forces of their ſeverall Counties, as well Trained Bands as others, and ſhall have power to conduct and lead the ſaid Forces of the ſaid Counties, againſt the ſaid Traitors and their adherents, and with them to fight, kill and ſlay all ſuch as by forces ſhall oppoſe them; and the perſons of the ſaid Traitors and their adherents and accomplices to arreſt and impriſon, and them to bring up to the Parliament, to anſwer theſe their Trayterous and Rebellious attempts,

according

according to Law, and the ſame, or any other Forces, to tranſport and conduct from one Countie to another, in aid and aſſiſtance one of another, and of all others that ſhall joyn with the Lords a nd Commons in Pariiament for the defence of the Religion of Almighty God, and of the Liberties and Peace of the Kingdome, and in purſuit of thoſe wicked and rebellious Traitors, their conſpirators, ayders and abettors and adherents; Requiring all Lievtenants of Counties, Sheriffs, Maiors, Juſtices of Peace, and other his Majeſties Officers and loving Subjects to be ayding and aſſiſting to one another in the execution hereof; and for their ſo doing; all the parties above mentioned; and all others that ſhall joyn with them, ſhall be juſtified, defended and ſecured by the power and authority of Parliament.

Order-

Die Lunæ, Aug. 8. 1642.

Ordered that this Declaration be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Hen. Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.